

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION
FOR THE YEAR 1919

REPORT

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session

of the

Zion Baptist Association

Held With

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Reelfootville, Webster County, Mississippi

October 1 and 2, 1919.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Ethel Baptist Church, Wednesday and Thursday after
the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1920

REPORTED BY THE BOARD, MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION



Standing Committees.

Missions—Joel Dorroh, J. C. Winter and W. B. Mitchell.

Evangelism—W. E. Fendley, J. D. Hughes and G. S. Bailey.

Ministerial Education—J. G. Cooke, M. R. Klutts and Noel Skelton.

Our Colleges—J. W. Hicks, Richard Hardin and S. F. Adams.

Orphanage—Mrs. W. A. Hayes, Mrs. Daisy McCluskey and Miss Ruth McCain.

Mutual Obligations—J. B. Middleton, D. N. Britt and Eli Hardin.

Periodicals—Leroy Dorroh, P. W. Moreland and Lee Wood.

Sabbath Schools—L. J. Pittman, W. T. Putnam and A. W. Sugg.

Laymen's Missionary Movement—O. C. Leigh, J. R. Skelton and F. F. Johnson.

Temperance—W. T. McQuory, J. D. Denton and Bob Gordon.

Woman's Work—Miss Abbey Gregg, Mrs. J. W. Hicks and Mrs. J. B. Middleton.

Ministerial Relief—J. W. Eidson, Mallory Johnson and George McCain.

Baptist Hospitals—E. L. James, C. D. Cullum and Claud Patridge.

Enlistment—J. N. Carroll, J. H. Gainer and Miss Minnie Skelton.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercise by Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Report Credential Committee.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Call of Correspondence.
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. Report on Mutual Obligations of church and Pastor.
9. Report on Missions.
10. Report on Evangelism.
11. Report on Enlistment.
12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Orphanage.
14. Report on Baptist Hospitals.
15. Report on Sabbath Schools.
16. Report on Ministerial Education.
17. Report on Our Colleges.
18. Report on Laymen's Missionary Work.
19. Report on Temperance.
20. Report on Nominations.
21. Report on Finance.
22. Report on Periodicals.
23. Miscellaneous Business.
24. Roll Call of Delegates.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Zion Baptist Association convened with The Fellowship Baptist church, at Bellefontaine, Miss., October 1 and 2, 1919.

The body was called to order by the moderator, after which he read the Nineteenth Psalm, and called on Brother J. M. Spikes to lead a prayer. Rev. J. B. Middleton preached the introductory sermon. Text: Gal. 6:14. Theme: Glory of the Cross.

J. W. Eidson, L. J. Pittman and J. W. Jones were appointed as committee on credentials.

J. W. Hicks, J. S. Winter, F. L. Vickery, J. S. Hardy, P. W. Moreland, J. A. McCain were named as the committee on Religious Worship.

Dismissed for dinner by a prayer by Brother B. Simmons, of Newton, Miss.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Order called by moderator. Congregation joined in singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Brother J. B. Lawrence. The body went in to permanent organization. Rev. W. E. Fendly, of Eupora, Miss., was elected moderator. Rev. J. G. Cooke, of Newton, Miss., clerk and treasurer.

Letters from the following churches were read and the delegates seated:

Mt Vernon—F. F. Johnson, G. L. Peoples, Clyde Strickland and Lee Wood.

New Hope—Spencer Skelton, Guss Vance, J. R. Skelton and W. S. Macon.

Bethel—Leroy Dorroh, J. D. Denton, S. O. Simpson, W. R. Swindoll.

New Liberty—J. D. Golden, Claud Patridge, Lee Patridge and Miss Willie Belle Golden.

Shady Grove—G. S. Bailey, G. T. Kilpatrick, W. F. Jones and C. D. Collum.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. D. Hughs, John Hitt and W. L. Oswalt.

Shiloh—W. B. Mitchell, E. B. Kirk, Estell Kirk, Mrs. S. E. Kirk and Mrs. O. S. Staker.

Pleasant Grove—E. L. James, J. T. Cohea and R. E. Perry.

Sapa—W. C. Love, M. R. Clutts and J. W. Jones.

Bethany—Mrs. Daisy McCluskey, D. S. Patterson and J. D. Lane.

Mt. Zion—W. H. Greenlee, J. H. Gainer, Miss Leth McCain and Miss Reth McCain.

Sabougla—C. S. Cooke, Landon England and J. W. McCord.

Fellowship—O. Mixon, Henry Oswalt, C. C. Duke and P. W. Moreland.

Unity—R. C. Dunlap, Ben Reeves and S. W. Clark.

Harmony—Bob Gordon, Lee Sally, and G. E. Greene.

Philadelphia—I. E. Green, T. J. Pittman and Malory Johnson.

Bluff Springs—W. H. Oswalt, W. T. Putnam and E. J. Hood.

Eupora—O. C. Leigh, A. W. Sugg, W. E. Fendley and wife, Mrs. J. W. Harpole, Sr., and Mrs. J. L. Taylor.

Walthall—S. F. Adams, T. C. Hayes and J. N. Carroll.

Spring Hill—J. H. Burk, Richard Hardin, T. W. Helms, J. G. Spencer and wife and W. A. Wood.

Hebron—W. L. McKee, J. F. Lucius and Gertrude McKee.

Pleasant Hill—E. L. McCord, J. S. Barton and Leslie Cooke.

Rev. J. B. Lawrence called to the floor on \$75,000.-000 campaign. Prayer for success of campaign by Rev. J. W. Hicks.

The following committee was appointed on Finance: E. L. James, W. T. Putnam and G. T. Kilpatrick.

Call for corresponding delegates; Rev. B. Simmons responded.

Treasurer's report read by moderator and adopted.

Report on Mutual Obligation of church and Pastor, read by Joel Dorroh and wife. Discussed by Rev. Joel Dorroh, Brother J. B. Lawrence, Rev. B. Simmons, Rev. W. E. Fendley and H. H. Middleton, and adopted as follows:

Report on Mutual Obligation of Church.

While the obligation of pastor and church is mutual, its relationship is very sacred, because it has to deal with things for the glory of God and the salvation of souls of men. While the pastor should be a man called of God to preach the gospel, to teach and lead his people by precept and example, he should also be a man of prayer, giving himself entirely to the work of the ministry. The pastor should visit the membership, rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep, attend the Sabbath school, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U., encourage them in every good work; defend them against the heresies of deceivers. Above all things he should preach the pure Gospel of Christ, with all the zeal and power at his command. The

church should see that the pastor should have support for himself and family and enable him to give his children a reasonable education, and see that his congregations are orderly while he is preaching, thereby relieving him of the painful duty of reproofing the disturbers.

The committee on Entertainment secured and assigned all messengers to homes for the night. Motion made and carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. B. Simmons.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order by moderator at 10 A. M. Devotional exercises by moderator.

Report on Missions, by J. W. Eidson. Discussed by Rev. J. W. Eidson, Rev. H. G. McCain, Rev. Joel Borroh and adopted as follows:

Report on Missions.

We find a foundation for our mission work in the great commission given to the church by Jesus our Lord, in Matthew 28:19-20: Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things what-so-ever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. In order to systemize our mission and Foreign Missions.

First, State Missions—Our State Mission work was work, we have decided it as we term into State, Home laid out on basis of \$50,000 for last year. We received \$50,692.17. This money was used to take care of our work in general, which includes salaries of our state secretary, enlistment workers and missionaries. Also

to help weak churches to support their pastors and assist in building houses of worship on needy fields.

Second, Home Missions—Our home board is located in Atlanta, Ga., they look after the work in the bands of the Southern Baptist Convention. They received last year, from the different states, \$349,297.35. Mississippi gave of this amount, \$41,974.49. Our missionaries working under their direction, baptized about 40,000 converts last year and there were 59,000 added to the churches. I am glad to report that they had a balance of \$253,352.64 April 30, 1919, at the close of the conventional year.

Third, Foreign Missions—Our Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va. The receipts for the year ending April 30, 1919, were, \$1,223,190.47, with a nice balance in the bank. Our missionaries baptized 5,635 converts, organized 41 churches. We have taken on some new work, and God is blessing the efforts of our missionaries on the foreign fields. This should stimulate us to greater efforts in the future. What we need at this time is men who are willing to hazard their lives for the Gospel, because the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Report on Evangelism read by Rev. J. W. Hicks.
Discussed by Rev. J. W. Hicks. Adopted as follows:

Report on Evangelism.

Christ went from place to place, during his public ministry, and preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and in connection with this he made known the truth that he was "the Messiah," the Son of God, and that his mission in the world was to seek and to save the lost. He declared that he was "the way, the truth, and the life," and that no man could come unto the

Father, but by Him. He also said I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. While here he led many to a saving knowledge of himself. Before He went away He said unto his disciples "As the Father has sent me, so send I you," he declared the morning of his ascension, that his disciples were his witnesses in the great commission. His apostles, the foundation of his church, are commanded to preach "the Gospel of the Grace of God" to every creature, i. e., evangelize every creature, and the churches in the morning of the Gospel Age did the work well, so much so, that Paul declared that the sound reached the ear of every creature under heaven.

We are still laboring under the same commandment of Jesus our Lord. We have at present an Evangelistic corps, led by W. W. Hamilton, under the direction of our Home Mission Board. They go from city to city, and from town to town and preach the Gospel. We know not how many they Evangelized last year, but the report shows 40,000 baptized, also much evangelizing was done in the different continents, and 40,000 professions and 10,000 baptisms are reported in their line of the Home Mission work.

When we consider the number of preachers and Christian workers in the Southland, we are persuaded to believe that it ought to be pretty thoroughly Evangelized at present.

There is quite an army of Missionaries and Christian workers in every nation at present, and if they have one half the zeal in the work that Paul and many early Christians possessed, this world will soon hear the Gospel Sound, even in our generation. We know not the number Evangelized by our Missionaries on Foreign fields last year, but the report shows 5,635.

baptized. My God, help us to not get the commission of our Lord tangled by trying to Christianize this world instead of Evangelizing it. Let us remember that we are still workmen together with God, and that a soul can plant, and an Apollos can water, but God alone gives the increase—that our part is to Evangelize, and God's work is to Christianize. No man can come unto me except the Father that sent me draw him, said Jesus. John declared that "He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them, gave He power to become the Son of God, even to them that believe in his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Let every pastor and preacher show themselves evangelists and every Christian worker tell the Gospel story publicly and privately till Jesus comes.

Report on Enlistment read by Rev. W. E. Fendley.
Discussed by Rev. B. Simmons. Adopted as follows:

Report on Enlistment.

The matter of Enlistment is one of very grave importance as it only serves as another name for organization, and organization or lack of it, accounts for many of our failures, and much of which we call inability and weakness. The fact is, we are strong, very strong, but we have not as yet, seen the importance of correlating our strength, and directing it in the way that counts for great things. We have only to go back a few years, not more than fifteen or twenty, to see the result of enlistment of forces as well as means, for truly the work of Enlistment means all our forces, temporal, moral and spiritual, and surely all these belong to God and should be directed toward

the one great end of bringing in the Kingdom. Let us take a little glance about us and see the need of this great work. In the Southern Baptist Convention, we have approximately 25,000 white Baptist churches, with a membership of more than 3,000,000. Then take a resume of what they did during the year 1918, which gives us our latest statistics, and we find that we gave for the bringing in of the Kingdom, besides what we spent for local and state expenses, the sum of \$2,661,022.16. In this amount is included the contributions for State Missions. This would give us a contribution of less than 90 cents per member for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad, and when we stop to consider that many of these contributions were from people who gave up into thousands of dollars, we see the per capita contributions greatly diminished.

The truth of the matter is, we have about 10,000 Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention whose names do not appear on the list of contributors because they are wholly anti-missionary in practice, and many of them are as truly so in theory. In the remaining 15,000 churches we have large numbers of members who never give anything to missions or for anything else along Christian lines of endeavor.

Let us come closer home, and view the situation as it presents itself in our own state. Here we do not find the conditions very materially changed, for while our financial report in the minutes of the State Convention is very incomplete along this line, yet we have sufficient evidence here to cause us no little concern.

At our Convention in Meridian last fall we had reported \$120,155.93, and a membership of 172,288 names. This would make our offerings for missions

less than 75 cents per member. Coming still closer home, for many of us can only see from that standpoint, we note that the Zion Association last fall reported for Missions \$1,125.86, while we have membership of 3,160. This gives us a per capita contribution for missions, the very small amount of less than 40 cents per member. But why do we speak of Mission offering alone? Because that is the unfailing test of the spirit of any organization. If it fails to convince the world of its unbounded regard for good of others, it has failed to establish for itself a just claim, a place among other organizations of the world, looking to that end. But if there should be those who demand other evidence, it is already in hand, in the evidence that follows. In the Zion Association we have twenty-three churches. These churches contributed to the support of their pastors last year the sum of \$2,367.70 or about \$102.94 from each of the 23 churches. One church in the Association paid its pastor \$700. Deduct this from the above amount we have left from twenty-two churches, \$1,667.70 or an average salary from each church \$75.80. This is sufficient to convince the most exacting that our churches, all of them, are living far below their possibilities, and subsisting upon that which has never been known to make a strong, vigorous membership, or win a lost world for Christ.

The purpose of enlistment is to make good where former plans have failed, and to introduce a plan where none has existed heretofore. We have had some work done in our country and in our Association along this line, and so far as we are informed, the results are very pleasing indeed, and many others are coming to the front. We long to see the day speedily

approaching when all our churches will fall into line, recognize their possibilities and realize their responsibilities, and then arise to the stupendous privilege that confronts us in this our day and generation.

Song—"Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Sermon by moderator. Text: John 3:3. Theme, New Birth. Prayer by Rev. Jim Spikes.

The following were appointed as Nominating Committee: O. C. Leigh, J. N. Carroll and Eli Harden. Dismissed for dinner by Rev. H. G. McCain.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by moderator. Song, "Revive Us Again," and "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus." Prayer by Brother E. T. Putnam.

Report on woman's work, read by Mrs. J. L. Taylor. Discussed by Mrs. J. L. Taylor and adopted as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

Our first view of this past year, is that no other year like unto it ever touched our lives before. The world war with all its unwritten tragedies brought to a close by the signing of the armistice, and the plague of influenza crept with steady steps from one end of the world to the other, and claimed as its toll such a harvest as was never before dreamed of by mankind.

Great wars have often been the means of quickening great missionary activities, and God's Kingdom is its most decisive forward movement, when nations and people suffer and sacrifice together. In a recent conference of Christian workers, Mrs. Lucy Peabody asked this question, "when women drop their Red

Cross, what shall we provide in its place?" And then she answered by the suggestion that it might be something beyond anything we have dreamed of. I am asking you this question to-day, for this opportunity has come to us from President Wilson, who said: "There is a great moral tide flowing through the hearts of men. God grant that it shall become a spiritual tide, and that when our women turn back from the work which has justly commanded their interest, it will not be to the lighter things of life, but that they shall give themselves as well as their money unreservedly to the real mission of the churches and to the ideals of him who said: 'Behold I have set before you an open door.'

Just here I shall mention of what to me is the most sorrowful feature of this report—the loss in societies. I do not believe these have all died. Many of these had to disband during the epidemic and have not yet strength to reorganize. All our homeland is blessed with light, the door is open for the work in every church. Will not the women of Zion Association adopt as their slogan: "A live society in every church, not to be served, Lord, but to serve man all that I can."

And as I minister unto his needs, serve Thee indeed, so runs the law of love that hath been given to make earth Heaven.

Report on Hospitals, read by H. H. Middleton.
Discussed by Rev. B. Simmons. Adopted as follows:

Report on Hospitals.

The Baptist hospital has been in operation eleven years and is supported by the three states, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, and we think it necessary to

help maintain this hospital, as it is our own hospital at Jackson. Our own hospital is in need of a nurses' home in order that these noble women who are devoting their lives to this branch of Christian work, can have the most comfortable place when not on duty.

During the past year the hospital at Jackson had 578 surgical cases and 353 medical cases, which were treated, with a loss of about 3 per cent. The aim of the Baptists of Mississippi should be to have sufficient buildings and equipment that none would be turned away, and have sufficient means that all charity cases could be cared for. Until this is accomplished, we have failed to do our full duty.

Think of the fact that for the reason we fail to do our duty, some poor life is lost, because he can't get the necessary treatment. Again the great idea to ever keep in mind is that you bring these people under the influence of christian precept and example. There are many ways of bringing a person to Christ. Some are constrained by preaching of the Gospel, others by the admonition of a friend and others by being brought under the influence of devoted Christian acts and lives. Let no one suffer for the reason that we do not do our duty, and the world will be and the people drawn nearer to Christ.

Report on Sunday Schools, by Noel Skelton and wife. Discussed by O. C. Leigh, Rev. Joel Dorroh, William Hayes, Rev. B. F. McPhail, Rev. J. W. Hicks, and adopted:

Report on Sunday Schools.

According to statistics, there has been a considerable decrease in the number of Sunday Schools;

also a great decrease in the membership of our Sunday Schools in Zion Association. In the Baptist homes in our Association there are approximately 60,000 men, women and children. At least 3,500 of this number ought to be in Sunday School every Sunday, and we have the pitiful number of 1,366. Let us consider what is said in the great commission in Matthew 28: 19-20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Brethren and sisters, did it stop here? No, indeed, it says: Teach them, the young converts, to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. It seems like we are only emphasizing one part of the great commission. There never was a greater need for the teaching of the pure word of God. Many false doctrines are among us and are continuing to come, and if we fail to teach God's word, we are the ones to carry the responsibility of our children and our neighbors being carried away by these false doctrines. May God help us to put more stress upon the Sunday School as teaching service of our churches. We think a Sunday School Convention in our county would be a great service in promoting the work of the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U., and we recommend that the moderator appoint one or more to serve as a committee, in an effort to organize a Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. Convention in this county as outlined by our State Board.

Report on Christian Education, by Rev. J. B. Middleton and wife. Discussed by J. B. Middleton, Rev. J. G. Cooke, O. C. Leigh, Rev. B. Simmons, Rev. Jim Spikes, and adopted.

Report on Christian Education.

The Apostle Peter exhorts those who have obtained like precious faith to add knowledge to their faith. This inspired man of God realized that the soldier of the cross must have some knowledge of God's word before he can do real service for the master. Paul in his charge to Timothy charged him to study to prove himself a workman that need not be ashamed, and to be able to rightly divide the word of truth, showing that the gospel rightly divided isn't given to the minister without his putting into use the mental power that God has given him. We believe that many ministers waste the better part of their lives studying things that never could be worth anything to a minister of the Gospel; consequently he wastes that part of his life. Every minister should have a thorough knowledge of God's word, and language and expression that he may be able to give the world the advantage of his knowledge. Baptists of Mississippi own and control two colleges, where young preachers are educated. Mississippi College is a Standard College, it enrolled thirty-nine ministers last session. The board aided about one-half this number in some way. At present this year's enrollment is 51.

Clarke Memorial College (located at Newton) is a Junior College. We are glad to say these colleges allow ministerial students to select their own studies, so he need not waste his time with something that is of no value to him. The different churches and individuals of the Zion Association supported two young ministers at Clarke College the greater part of last session at an expenditure of \$355.

Report on Our Colleges, by S. F. Adams and J. T. Dalton. Discussed and adopted.

Report on Colleges.

The discussion of this subject will no doubt bring out more fully the necessity of Christian Education. For the reason that sermons can be preached on this subject; books can be written and then the necessity of Christian education will not be fully stated; hence the futility of trying to discuss this great subject in a short report can be seen. All Baptists agree that it is essential as any line of Christian work. So we would desire that all Baptists agree they will let nothing deter them from doing their full duty in the matter. We might get an inspiration from the fact that all foreign countries have representatives in our colleges where the gospel has been preached. They come to the leading nation of the world to be fully equipped for their life's work among their own people. Will the Baptist banner trail in the dust? which it will do if we fail to do our duty in not looking after these matters.

Mississippi Baptists will soon have four colleges under the management of the State Convention: The Mississippi College, at Clinton; The Woman's College, at Hattiesburg; Clarke Memorial College, at Newton, and will take over the Blue Mountain Female College soon.

About 1500 students attended this college last session and many turned away. It would be impossible to deal with the question of Christian education and the great benefits already derived from it, without referring in general to the Blue Mountain College and the Baptists of Mississippi will ever look upon the Lowery family as a part of giving power of the Mississippi Baptists. When we realize that for about 70

years, the Mississippi College has been training men, and during that time many of our leading statesmen of this, as well as other states, went out from this college, we are forced to the conclusion that truly these efforts are due appreciation. If we could fully realize that the end will justify the means expended, then we believe the means will be provided.

Report on Nominations, read by O. C. Leigh and adopted.

Report on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to make the following report:

We recommend that the Zion Association convene with The Bethel church on Wednesday after the fourth Lord's day in September, 1920.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. M. Spikes. Alternate, Rev. J. G. Cooke.

To go to The Southern Baptist Convention, at Washington, D. C., Rev. J. B. Middleton. Alternate, Rev. Jim Spikes. Our member of the State Mission board, Rev. J. W. Hicks.

Doctrinal Sermon, second day, by Rev. J. W. Hicks.

O. C. LEIGH,

J. N. CARROLL,

ELI HARDEN, Committee.

Report on Finance, read by Rev. J. G. Cooke, Clerk.

Report on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report: We have received for missions, \$9.45, for clerk and minutes \$78.39.

Miscellaneous business called for.

Motion prevailed that the moderator and clerk appoint the standing committees.

Motion prevailed to allow clerk \$25 for his services. The rest to be spent for minutes.

Roll call of delegates.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned.

Closing prayer offered by Rev. B. Simmons.

REV. W. E. FENDLEY, Moderator.

REV. J. G. COOKE, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. C. Putnam.....	Slate Springs, Miss.
J. B. Middleton.....	Embry, Miss.
J. W. Hicks.....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
J. W. Eidson.....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
B. C. Land.....	Lodi, Miss.
D. N. Britt.....	Eupora, Miss.
Joel Dorroh.....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
J. D. Golden.....	Lodi, Miss.
L. V. Lott.....	Stewart, Miss.
B. F. McPhail.....	Slate Springs, Miss.
J. T. McPhail.....	Slate Springs, Miss.
J. M. Spikes.....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
W. H. McPhail.....	Slate Springs, Miss.
M. D. Clark.....	
J. G. Cooke.....	Slate Springs, Miss.
H. G. McCain.....	Bellefontaine, Miss.

Licentiates.

J. A. Moore.....	Bellefontaine, Miss.
A. B. Ray.....	Tomnolen, Miss.
J. A. Simmons.....	Sabougla, Miss.
— — Tackett.....	Eupora, Miss.
W. S. Land.....	Lodi, Miss.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to favor with God.

4. We believe that God chose his people in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ only.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and the only evidence of justification and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and unjust, the general judgment and the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of a company of baptized believers assembled in one place for the purpose of carrying on the kingdom work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law

giver of his church, and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the church, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for baptism.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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OUR DEAD

Brother Clyde Doolittle.	Brother Andy Carroll.
Sister Myrtle Pendergrast.	Brother Joe E. Brown.
Sister Ethel Hayes.	Brother Johnny Britt.
Sister Nancy Swindoll.	Brother T. J. Olives.
Brother Helton Lucious.	Brother V. H. Oswalt.
Mrs. John Love.	Brother R. M. England.
Mrs. M. B. Henley.	Brother V. I. Pittman.
Brother J. C. Henley.	Sister Cora Roberts.
Sister Beatrice Waits.	Mrs. H. H. McKee.
Sister Mollie Gregg.	Mrs. R. A. Allen.
Brother Roy Yarborough.	Sister Trotter.
Sister F. A. Doss.	Sister Sallie McPhail.
Brother Skelton Vance.	Sister Delitha Ward.
Brother M. Hardin.	Sister Sarah Dorroh.
Brother F. A. Martin.	Sister Amy Lee Cooke.
Sister Connie Funderburg.	Brother Willie Fox.
Brother Oscar Lankford.	Brother J. P. Weeks.
Sister May Ray.	Sister Virgie Byrd.
Brother F. E. Greene.	Sister Josie Hodge.
Sister Laura Burlison.	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Superintendent	Secretary	Pastors and Postoffices.	Clerks and Postoffices	No. W. M. A's.	Value of Church Property
Bethel	Lery Dorroh	G. Mitchell	J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	W. R. Swindoll, Slate Springs	2	\$670
Walthall	S. B. Hood	M. Middleton	T. N. Moody, Hohenlinden.	A. C. Webb, Walthall	1	600
Pilgrims Rest.			J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	W. S. Oswalt, Bellefontaine	1	550
Hebron			Benyon Middleton, Embry	W. A. Love, Sapa	1	120
Sapa			O. C. Cooper, Eupora	W. C. Love, Eupora	1	500
Mt. Vernon			Joel Dorroh, Slate Springs	Lee Wood, Eupora	1	1520
New Hope	W. W. Allen	Hicks Gregg	J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	B. L. Vance, Bellefontaine	1	1000
Harmony			B. F. McPhail, Slate Springs	C. E. Greene, Embry	1	450
Spring Hill	Harvy Odem	Maude Vance	J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	Grady Spencer, Slate Springs	1	1200
Pleasant Grove			J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	E. L. Batelor, Grenada	1	600
Philadelphia			Benyon Middleton, Embry	E. L. Pittman, Embry	1	750
Shady Grove			J. W. Eidson, Bellefontaine	G. T. Kilpatrick, Eupora	1	425
Mt. Zion	J. V. Bailly	Frank Bailey	L. F. Foulter, Lodi	W. H. Greenlee, Eupora	1	700
Bluff Springs	Carrie Wroy	W. H. Greenlee	J. B. Middleton, Embry	C. L. McCain, Eupora	1	500
Sabougla	C. S. Lovern	Ebeth Black	Joel Dorroh, Slate Springs	J. B. Black, Sabougla	1	700
Unity	Mrs. S. G. Ray	Della Clark	J. W. Eidson, Bellefontaine.	S. W. Clark, Elliott	1	400
Eupora	O. C. Leigh	O. C. Leigh, Jr.	W. E. Fendley, Eupora	Lee W. Harpole, Eupora.	1	1600
Shiloh			B. F. McPhail, Slate Springs	W. L. Kirk, Duck Hill	1	500
New Liberty			B. F. McPhail, Slate Springs	J. A. Pyron, Lodi	1	850
Fellowship	F. F. Wilson	Miss Elma Neal	J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	F. F. Wilson, Bellefontaine.	1	900
Bethany	J. A. Mitchell	Stella Gregg	Benyon Middleton, Embry	J. S. Dorroh, Slate Springs.	1	500
Pleasant Hill	L. A. Pittman	H. R. Putnam	J. W. Hicks, Bellefontaine.	H. D. M. Barton, Slate Springs	1	450

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Day of Meeting.	No. Baptized	Rec'd By Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd By Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Missions	Orphans' Home	Other Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	No. Sunday Sch's	No. Off. & Thrs	No. Pupils	No. Baptized	Paid for Literature				
Bethel	4	6	5				2,233	5 00				877	76	68	50	8	1	8	75		12	00			
Walthall	3	11	5				1,151	5 00				86	66	124	57	196	84	46	23						
Pilgrims Rest	3	5	1				4,762	2 50				100	00			50	00								
Hebron	4	6	2				2,144	2 30	5 00	4 00	4 50			22	75	50	00	14	75						
Sapa	2	4	1				2,882	30		13	25	13	29			75	00	13	60						
Mt. Vernon	3	5	1				1,165	1 74		12	50	12	50			200	00	60	00	113	149	9	30	35	
New Hope	3	9	7				2,209	5 00				2	25	107	00	80	00	17	00	110	65				
Harmony	4	1	1				1,101	3 00						28	25	175	00	70	00						
Spring Hill	2	6	4				3,314	5 00				95	92	30	00	150	00								
Pleasant Grove	1	1					1,765	00	10 00	10 00		60	00			146	00	42	00						
Philadelphia	3	1	1				2,409	3 00		7 50	7 50			11	40	100	00	27	15	1	6	50			
Shady Grove	3	6	1				1,145	4 00		1 80	2 00					40	00			1	7	30	8	00	
Mt. Zion	2	4	2				3,633	00								80	50								
Bluff Springs	1	2	3				4,112	30	12 45						1 50	75	00			1					
Salounga	1	2	3				1,682	50			10 00					450	00			1	4	12	5	00	
Unity	4	1	1				645	00	28	75	36	00	35	20		1000	00	8	225	121	26	4	1	14	
Eupora	1	3	4				5,256	5 00	124	40	8	277	8	75	00	100	00	17	50						
Shiloh	1	9					1,108	4 25	50	00	25	00	25		73	67	90	00	22	00					
New Liberty	1	2					4,117	7 00	6 00	7 00	8 00			8	00	90	00	22	00	114	100	17	71		
Fellowship	2	15	4				250	5 00						95	00	194	00	26	25	1	9	87	25	50	
Bethany	2	45	4				3,103	3 00	36	00	25	00	29	28		100	00	82	00	1	6	45	5		
Pleasant Hill	4	6	2				4,114	1 50						17	25	100	00	31	90	1					

